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Westminster, October 20.

THE Parliament met this day, and the King being come to the House of Peers, and Seated on the Throne in his Royal Robes, with the usual Solemnity, the Commons were sent for up by the Black Rod; who attending His Majesty accordingly, His Majesty made a most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, which follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Have call'd you together as soon as was possible, and I think it a great Happiness that this year has past'd without any Disadvantage Abroad, or Disorder at Home, considering Our great Disappointment in the Fonds given at your last Meeting, and the Difficulties which have arisen upon the Recoyning of the Money.

This is so Convincing a Proof of the good Disposition of My Army, and of the steady Affections of My People, that I cannot but take notice of it with great Satisfaction.

Our Enemies have not been without Hopes, That such a Conjuncture might have prov'd Fatal to Us; but as they have Failed in those Expectations, so I am fully perswaded that your Unanimous Proceedings in this Session, will make them for ever Despair of an Advantage from any Disagreement among Our Selves.

It must be confess'd, That the Business which you have before you will be very great, because of the Necessity of Supplying former Deficiencies, as well as making Provisions for the next Year's Service.

And upon this Occasion it is fit for Me to Acquaint you, that some Overtures have been made in order to the Entring upon a Negotiation for a General Peace: But I am sure, We shall all agree in Opinion, That the only way of Treating with France *is with Our Swords in Our Hands, and that we can have no reason to expect a Safe and Honourable Peace, but by shewing Our selves prepar'd to make a Vigorous and Effectual War: In order to which, I do very earnestly Recommend to you,* Gentlemen of the House of Commons, *that you would consider of Raising the Necessary Supplies, as well for Maintaining the Honour of Parliaments, in making good the Fonds already Granted, as for carrying on the War the next Year; which I think ought not to be less than what was intended to be Raised for that Purpose the last Session.*

I must also put you in mind of the Civil List, which cannot be Supported without your Help; and the Miserable Condition of the French *Protestants does Oblige Me to mention them to you again.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It may deserve your Consideration, whether there do not still remain some Inconveniencies relating to the Coin, which ought to be Remedied: And I hope you'll find out the best Expedients for the Recovery of Credit, which is absolutely Necessary, not only with respect to the War, but for Carrying on of Trade.

I am of Opinion, That there is not one good English *Man, who is not Intirely Convinc'd, how much does depend upon this Session: And therefore I cannot but hope for your Unanimity and Dispatch in your Resolutions; which at this time are more Necessary than ever, for the Safety and Honour of* England.

Madrid, Octob. 3. *N. S.* The King of *Spain* is perfectly Recovered, and two days ago received the Compliments of all the Grandees and Foreign Ministers, and every night since there have been Illuminations and Fireworks all over the Town. The Queen is much better. Last Friday died here the Constable of *Castile*, being 75 years old. The Conde *d'Oropesa*, who was sent for when the King was ill, took his Leave of His Catholick Majesty yesterday, and is gone back to his House in the Country. They write from *Catalonia*, That the Forces on both sides are gone to their Quarters; and that 26 Spanish Galleys sailed from *Barcelona* the 17th of the last month to endeavour to meet with those of the Enemy, who they heard were at *Roses*.

Corunna, Octob. 20. The *Spanish Expedition* Pacquet-Boat arrived here the 19th instant from *Falmouth*. This morning sailed hence 3 Dutch Privateers, with 4 Prizes, which they took some days ago, and brought into this *Port*. They write from *Cadiz* of the 27th past, that the *Cloudesly*, *Beake*, and *Trumbull* Galleys were arrived there, and would sail again the next day. 'Twas lately reported, that the French Squadron commanded by Monsieur *Chasteaurenaux*, had been seen on the Coast of *Portugal*; but we have since heard no further News of them.

Leghorne, Octob. 8. We have advice that the *Scanderoon* Convoy, with the Merchant Ships under Command of Capt. *Moody*, arrived at *Smirna* the 18 h of *August* last; The *Dragon*-Frigat, Capt. *Rigby* Commander, had taken off *Rhodes* a French Ship of 180 Guns, bound from *Alexandria* to *Constantinople*; and afterwards near *Scio* Capt. *Moody* took a French Sattee, bound to *Metelin* to lade Corn. An English Ship (which is supposed to be the *Charles*, Capt. *Pickering* Commander) took the 29th past a rich French Merchant Man bound home from *Turkey*, and carried her to *Naples*."

Milan, Octob. 10. The Neutrality, or Suspension of Arms for *Italy*, was Signed the 7th of this month at *Vigevano* (near which place the Forces of the Allies are Encamped) by the Ministers of the Emperor, the King of *Spain*, and the Duke of *Savoy*; in pursuance of which, the Siege of *Valence*, which had lasted 15 days with open Trenches, was raised yesterday; and both the German and French Troops are to leave *Italy* forthwith, and to march home: The Germans are to have 300 thousand Pistols of the Princes of *Italy*, in lieu of Winter Quarters; whereof one third part is to be paid immediately, and Security given for the rest. Some days before the Truce was signed, the Garison of *Alexandria* defeated a great Party of the Enemies Troops, consisting of 1200 Men, of whom they killed 600 upon the place of Fight.

Turin, Octob. 11. The French Forces drew off from before *Valence* the 9th instant; and on the 13th they will begin their march homeward; The Germans and other Auxiliary Troops are to do the like. Hostages are given for the performance of what is agreed on: Those for the Emperor and King of *Spain* are the Prince of *Travutio* and the Marquis of *Burgomanero*; and the Count *de Tessé* and the Marquis *de Vins* are Hostages for *France*. The Duke of *Savoy* is expected here in few days.

Venice, Octob. 12. Yesterday arrived here a Ship from the *Levant*, and brought Letters dated the 8th of the last month at *Napoli di Romania*, which say, a Vessel was arrived there from the *Archipelago*, and reported, That there had been an Engagement between the Venetian and Turkish Fleets, but could give no account of the Success of it. We have advice from *Constantinople*, That the present Sultana is brought to Bed of a Son.

Vienna, Octob. 13. The last Letters from *Hungary* give an account, That the Grand Signior was gone back towards *Adrianople*; but the Vizier continued still at *Belgrade*, and 'twas said he had a design upon *Titul*; To prevent which, General *Caprara* had sent a Re-inforcement thither. The Turks have abandoned *Morawitz* on the *Save*, which they took lately, after having Plundered it.

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